

City of Fort Worth, Texas
Mayor and Council Communication

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved on 6/14/2011

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2011

REFERENCE NO.: G-17305

LOG NAME: 17BUDGETAMEND_HCH_418219.65

SUBJECT:

Authorize Change in Use and Expenditure of \$418,219.65 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Historic Carver Heights Street Lights Project, Authorize an Engineering Design Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for \$200,000.00 for the Preparation of Construction Plans, Specifications, and Estimates Related to Roadway and Pedestrian Street Light Installation of the Historic Carver Heights Street Light Project, and Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2006-2007 Action Plan (COUNCIL DISTRICT 5)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2006-2007 Action Plan;
 2. Authorize the Change in Use and Expenditure of \$418,219.65 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the project known as the Historic Carver Heights Street Light Project; and
 3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an engineering design agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for \$200,000.00 for the preparation of construction plans, specifications, and estimates related to roadway and pedestrian street light installation of the Historic Carver Heights Street Light Project.
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DISCUSSION:

The Historic Carver Heights Neighborhood Association, as part of its neighborhood revitalization strategy, proposed the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to install period street lights to improve visibility and increase safety. Preliminary pricing for the street light project determines that additional funding will be required. At the request of the Historic Carver Heights Neighborhood Association (HCHNA), the Model Block budget will be amended to move funds in the amount of \$418,219.65 from the Minor Home Repair Program, CDBG-funded Home Improvement Program, Entry Markers, Sign Toppers, and Marketing of Rehabilitation Programs for the purchase and installation of street lights for the Historic Carver Heights Street Lights Project (Project). The original budget for the Project was \$105,600.00. If the City Council approves moving funds from the listed activities, the revised Project budget will be \$523,819.65.

Model Block Activities	Current Balance	After Amendments
CDBG-Funded Activities		
Home Improvement Program	\$258,400.00	\$0
Minor Home Repair Program	\$122,013.10	\$0
Entry Markers	\$31,000.00	\$0
Sign Toppers	\$3,340.00	\$0
Rehabilitation Program Marketing	\$3,466.55	\$0
Period Street Light Project	\$105,600.00	\$523,819.65
SUBTOTAL	\$523,819.65	\$523,819.65
HOME-Funded Activities*		
Home Improvement Program	\$563,684.00	\$563,684.00
PROJECT TOTAL	\$1,087,503.65	

**In order to complete the Project and allow Historic Carver Heights to expend all funds budgeted to the Model Block program, Historic Carver Heights has asked the City to swap the available HOME funds (\$563,684.00) to CDBG funds for the Project. Staff will formally request Council's approval for this swap at a future Council Meeting.*

The Historic Carver Heights Neighborhood defined area is bound by Plaza Circle on the north, Cravens Road on the east, Vel Drive to Lucas Drive to Ramey Avenue on the South, and Cass Street to Flemming Drive to Truman Drive to Ransom Terrace on the west.

Staff recommends the Council to approve the change in use and expenditure of \$418,219.65 for the Historic Carver Heights Street Light Project. The Action Plan funding year may vary and may be substituted based on the principle of First In, First Out (FIFO) in order to expend the oldest program income and grant funds first.

Staff recommends \$200,000.00 of the amended CDBG funds be used to hire a consultant to design and prepare construction plans, specifications, and estimates for the Project. The HCHNA, with the approval of the Texas Historic Commission (THC), selected the LEDGEND street light for the Project. If the street light supplier does not have the selected light, a similar cobra head light approved by THC may be used. The City will not use funds budgeted for the installation of the street lights until the Federal Environmental Review process has been completed and the City has been granted the Authority to Use Grant Funds from HUD, therefore, staff will request at a future council meeting the approval of the expenditure of \$218,219.65 of the CDBG funds for installation of an estimated 200 street lights in the neighborhood.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was chosen for the project via M&C C-23914 (11/17/09 and its amendment (M&C C-24922, 5/24/11). Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. will prepare construction plans, specifications, and estimates. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is in compliance with the City's M/WBE requirements by committing 22 percent M/WBE participation. The City's M/WBE goal for the Project is 15 percent.

A public comment period concerning the change in use of these funds was held from May 3, 2011 through June 2, 2011. Any comments are maintained by the Housing and Economic Development Department in

accordance with federal regulations.

The Project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Financial Management Services Director certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations funds will be available in the current budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Funds.

FUND CENTERS:**TO Fund/Account/Centers**

GR76 539120 005206140820

\$418,219.65

FROM Fund/Account/Centers

GR76 539120 005206140800

\$258,400.00

GR76 539120 005206140810

\$122,013.10

GR76 539120 005206140830

\$31,000.00

GR76 522030 005206140850

\$3,466.55

GR76 539120 005206140840

\$3,340.00

CERTIFICATIONS:

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ATTACHMENTS

1. [Available Funds - 17 Budget Amend.pdf](#) (CFW Internal)
2. [Available Funds - Prior to Amendments.pdf](#) (CFW Internal)
3. [MWBE Compliance Memo.pdf](#) (CFW Internal)